

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 16, FILE # 020285

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File # 020285 is a resolution relative to acceptance and funding of a Truancy Abatement and Burglary Suppression Grant.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) to apply for, accept and fund a Truancy Abatement and Robbery Suppression (TABS) Grant from the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS).
2. The State of Wisconsin has provided funding for the TABS program since 1993.
3. MPS is responsible for funding this program and this resolution authorizes the appropriate city officials to renew the intergovernmental agreement for TABS services with MPS.
4. This is a grant continuation.

Discussion

1. The TABS program seeks to reduce daytime burglary and other crimes relative to truancy.
2. In the TABS program, Sheriff and Police Officers pick up truants and bring them to one of two TABS centers located at two Boys and Girls Club locations.
3. MPS counselors at the TABS centers discuss truancy reasons with the youths and try to identify strategies to help them stay in school. The youth's parent (s) are contacted and are expected to either take the youth home or return him or her to school.
4. During the 2000-2001 school year, TABS officers made 6,967 stops on the street and 3,551 truants were processed at the two centers. High school students account for 64% of all TABS participants.
5. The MPS high school drop out rate has decreased from 17.5% to 10.6% since TABS started. Habitual truancy (5 or more unexcused/unqualified absences in a semester) rates at MPS high schools are down from 70% to 65% since TABS started.

6. Daytime burglaries are down 26% when compared to TABS first year of operation.
7. This grant encompasses the period of July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003.

Fiscal Impact

1. The total amount of this grant is \$312,876 with \$212,000 (68%) provided by the grantor and \$100,876 (32%) provided by the city.
2. This grant will fund 4 Police Officers (FT) with salary and fringe benefits.
3. The city share of the grant (32%) includes routine police officer overtime expenses as well as indirect costs (\$60,140) incurred with the grant administration.

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